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This is request for a  continuation or  divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),  
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/957,911,  
filed on October 27, 1997, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MODIFICATIONS OF VISUAL  
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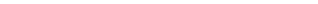
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